

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

73658

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/17/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/17/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Section 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
On the first day, the BLM Las Cruces District conducted a day-long field trip to introduce the RAC members to the public land resources i.e., biological, geological and cultural, in the West Potrillo Mountains. On the second day, the BLM Las Cruces District conducted a half-day meeting to update the RAC members on current and proposed projects, including lands/realty, planning and energy projects.	01/30/2018	01/31/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$5,500.00	\$12,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$330.00	\$650.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$150.00	\$300.00
18d. Total	\$5,980.00	\$12,950.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The BLM's Las Cruces District RAC provides representative citizen council and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's New Mexico State Director concerning the planning and management of public land resources located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the BLM's Las Cruces District.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council is composed of 10 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Las Cruces District RAC met once in FY 2018. When meetings and field trips occur, they have been timely and relevant to actions occurring within the Las Cruces District.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC develops recommendations for the BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the RAC. This may require the RAC to, at the direction of the designated Federal officer, to gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public comments, and provide advice on the issues presented.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal

Register, posted on the BLM New Mexico website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

The Las Cruces District RAC met once in FY 2018 for a day-long field trip and a half-day meeting on January 30 and 31.

Designated Federal Officer

William Childress BLM Las Cruces District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bartoo, Howard	04/28/2011	09/30/2019	Owner, Bartoo Sand and Gravel	Representative Member
Cornell, John	12/04/2015	12/04/2018	NM Wildlife Federation Sportsman Coordinator	Representative Member
Gray, Randall	03/09/2015	03/09/2018	Retired National Wildlife Biologist USDA NRCS	Representative Member
Holguin, Teofilo	11/02/2016	03/09/2018	Retired Electrical Engineer	Representative Member
Hyatt, Jim	12/04/2015	12/04/2018	Rancher/Owner	Representative Member
Levy, Maxine	12/04/2015	12/04/2018	Retired Educator	Representative Member
Pettit, Kimberly	12/04/2015	09/30/2019	UTEP - Outdoor Adventure Program Coordinator	Representative Member
Popp, Anthony	04/28/2011	09/30/2019	Retired NMSU Professor	Representative Member
Quintana, Michael	04/28/2011	03/09/2018	District Resource Manager, New Mexico State Land Office	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

The Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council is a citizen advisory council that serves in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in the BLM's Las Cruces District.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Las Cruces District RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

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Number of Recommendations Comments

There were no formal recommendations in FY 2018. In FY 2013, the Las Cruces District RAC made one recommendation. The RAC recommended the approval of a recreation fee increase.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Las Cruces District RAC accepted the recreation fee increase recommendation, and the BLM has implemented the increase.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

When recommendations are made, the Las Cruces District management provides the RAC with feedback at subsequent meetings on how its discussions and recommendations have been incorporated into BLM management actions.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not Applicable